



RAC 2013 Accomplishments





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2013 Mission Statement

The mission of the Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) is to advocate for the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Durham Community.



Recreation Advisory Commission Facts

Board Membership

- The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) consists of nine members appointed by the Durham City Council.

Meeting Time

- The RAC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. at Durham Parks & Recreation's main office.



RAC Meetings



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2013 Theme





2013 RAC Topics – Top 3

- Accreditation involvement
- Master Plan submission
 - Current topics:
 - Optimizing current facilities and programs
 - Making connections
 - Looking to the future:
 - Improving sustainability
- RAC Community outreach and involvement extension





2013 DPR Challenges

- Department
 - Internally a busy year with accreditation and master plan
- External
 - Optimizing current facilities and programs
 - Park maintenance
 - Vandalism
 - Project delays
 - Making Connections
 - Coordination between community partners
 - Diverse population and needs





2013 Highlights

Month	Activity
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPR 2012 accomplishments<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy city manager attended
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPR Master Plan discussion• Accreditation process overview
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONDP field• Members attended Coffees with Council• Meeting space• Trails• Budget
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master Plan preview<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PARCS data• Recommendations



2013 Highlights

Month	Activity
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accreditation committee visit• RAC volunteer opportunities and community participation• Master plan updates
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer programs• Budget updates• Park vandalism
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master plan presentation to council overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps to keep up the momentum
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KaBOOM project success at Oakwood park• Gun ordinance• ONDP discussion• DCVB and sport tourism



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Month	Activity
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletic Facility use and allocation policy approved• Recreation and Leisure tourism• Accreditation approval• 501C3 Update
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget and Parks/Trails funding• DCVB presentation overview of sports marketing
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking forward to 2014 focus on park maintenance and funding• Continued focus on community involvement and how to continue momentum



2013 Community Engagement

RAC members serve as ambassadors for DPR by fostering and enhancing the relationship between the department and the community. As advocates, the RAC...

- Communicates with neighborhoods and forwards input to DPR.
- Participates in the community through athletic leagues and leadership roles in recreation organizations.
- Approves support for partnerships with local organizations. The partnerships can include allowing access to recreational activities for individuals with limited resources (fee waivers).





2013 Community Involvement

RAC Involvement

- Accreditation events
- Coffees with Council
- Citizens Board Member (CBM) Forum 2013
- Hillandale Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Elmira Park grand opening ceremony
- Staff celebration event celebrating resident satisfaction survey results
- Senior Holiday Party
- ATC Concert series
- Rock the Park
- Outdoor festivals
- PAC meetings
- National Night Out



Accreditation Involvement



Meeting with City of Durham CVB



Community Events Involvement





2014: Looking forward

- RAC community outreach continues and expands
- Park access and safety for diverse interests/groups
- Funding for master plan initiatives especially focused on current facilities
- Accessing sports tourism and events





2013 RAC Commission Statement & Members

The RAC is pleased to serve the City of Durham, Mayor and City Council as advisors on Parks and Recreation.



Umar Muhammad (Chair)

Cheryl Lloyd (Vice Chair)

Omar Beasley (Mayor's Appointee)

Steve Schewel (City Council Liaison)

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